

# **Cultural and Artistic connections between the Middle East and Europe during the Renaissance**

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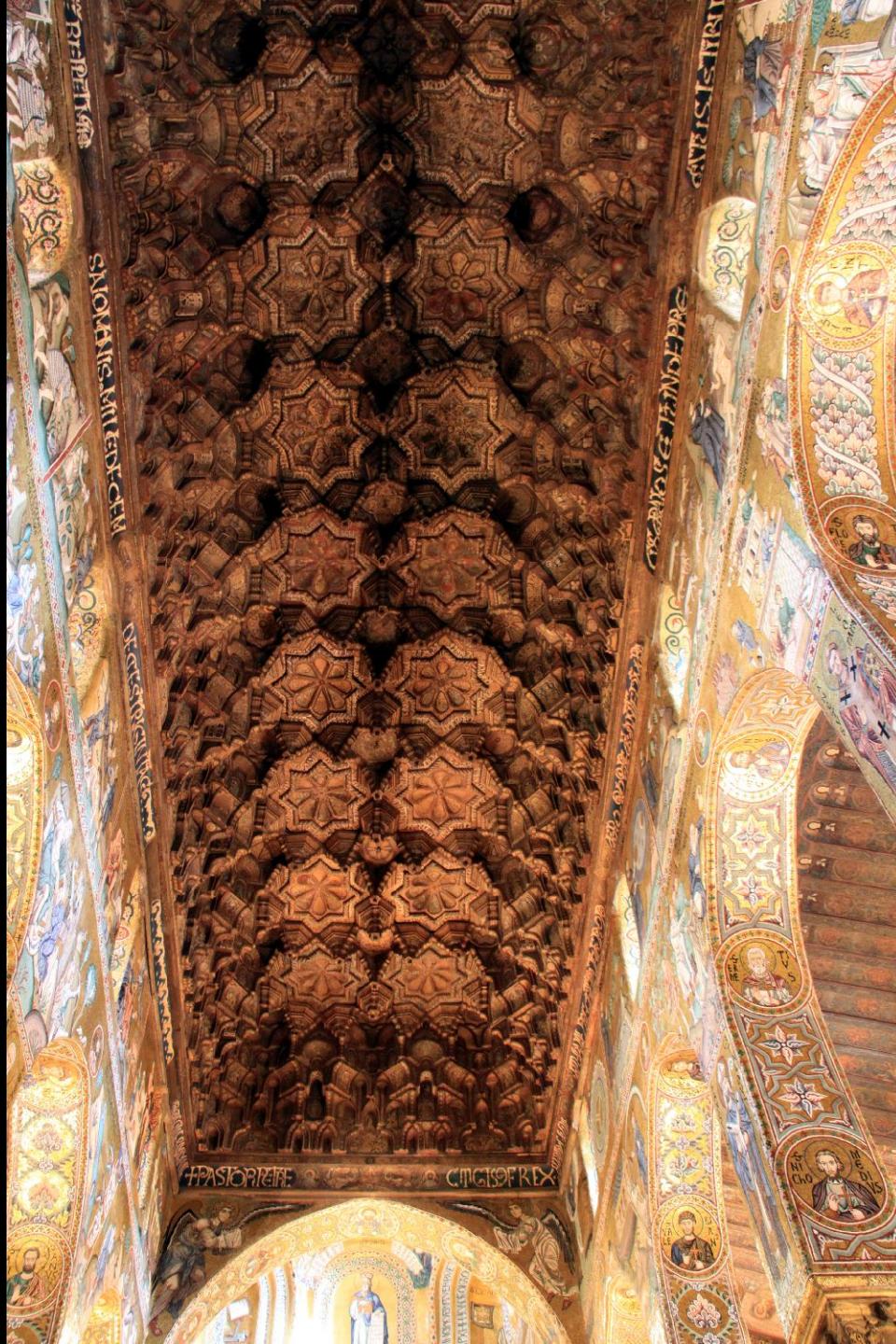


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Palermo - Norman Palace and Cappella Palatina



Palermo, Cappella Palatina, 1143. Glass mosaic decoration.



Palermo, Cappella Palatina.  
Wooden, painted ceiling.



Mantle of Roger II, 1133, Sicily



Palermo - San Giovanni degli Eremiti - reconstructed in the 12th century under Roger II



Pisa Griffin. Bronze, Spain? Late 11th-early 12th century.  
Museo dell' Opera del Duomo

107 cm high, 90 cm long



Marble capital. Spain, Madinat al-Zahra, 10th century  
Pisa, Museo dell'Opera del Duomo

# The Pisa Griffin and the Mari-Cha Lion

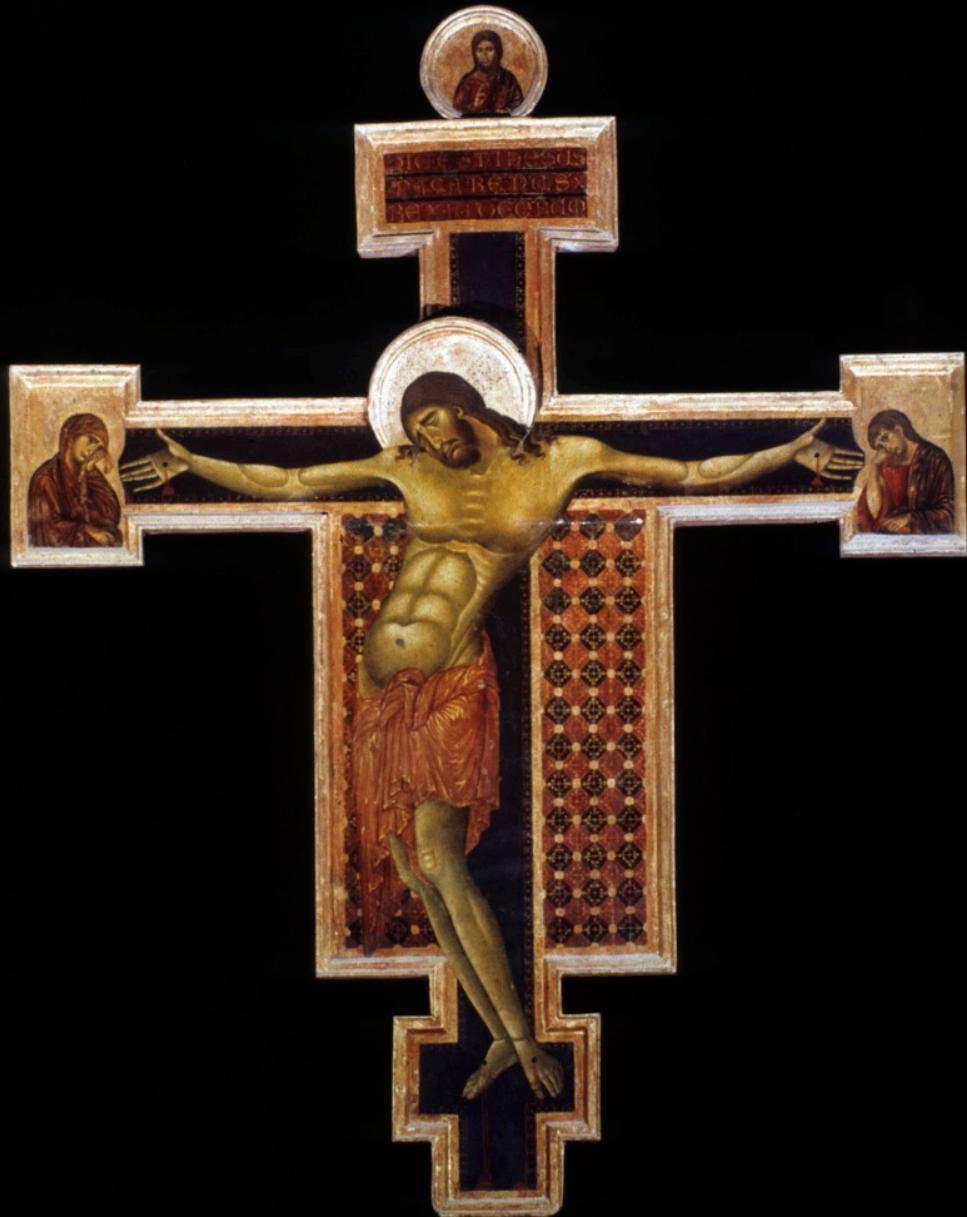
## Metalwork, Art, and Technology in the Medieval Islamicate Mediterranean

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Arte



Cimabue, *Crucifix*  
1265-8

Tempera on panel  
Arezzo, Chiesa di San  
Domenico



Giotto, *The Raising  
of Lazarus*, c. 1305

Padua, Cappella  
degli Scrovegni,  
fresco



Gentile da Fabriano,  
*Adoration of the  
Magi*, 1423.  
Tempera on panel

Florence, Uffizi



Gentile da Fabriano,  
*Madonna dell'Umiltà*  
c. 1420

Pisa, Museo Nazionale di  
San Matteo



Astrolabe with Arabic and  
Latin inscriptions

Fez, dated 699 AH/1299-  
1300 AD.

Florence, Museo di Storia  
della Scienza, inv. no.  
1109



Ibn Butlan (11th century),  
*Taqwim al-sihha* (Almanac of Health)

Manuscript dated 610 AH / 1213 AD.

British Library, Or.1347



Melons.

Ibn Butlan, *Tacuinum Sanitatis*, Italy,  
15th century

Rouen, Bibliothèque Municipale, Ms  
3054.

**N**ature f. & h. t. Melus ex et dulce aquo  
si. Inuentum in egritudinibus. Nodum enim  
digestioni. Remedium nocturnum cum penitus cucha-  
runtur.



Carrots.

Dioscorides, Syria (?), dated 642 AH /  
1244 AD

Bologna, Biblioteca Universitaria, Cod.  
arab. 2954

**L**O ASPHODELO, è pianta quali sottilà e flessuosa. Posseste le frondi sottili al petto maggiore, & il frutto leco, nella cui sommità, è il fiore, il qual chiamano amherico. Ha le radici lunghe, & croste, simili alle ghiande, al gusto acuto. Le quali di sua natura scaldano, bensì provocano l'onna, & i mictini. Bevute con vino al pelo d'una dramma, medicano à i dolori del costato, à i sonni, & gli palpiti, & alla gola. Fanno vomitare, mangiate ne i cibi alla quantità d'uno dado. Dassono volentemente al pelo di tre dramme con l'acqua de' serpenti: ma bisogna assai farne anche l'acqua con i confetti, con le frondi, & con le radici cotte nel vino. Impastaransi con quelle medesime l'acqua forte, & qualche chiamignano. Applicarsi fumigante alle infami.

## A S P H O D E L O.



Asphodelus.

Pier Andrea Mattioli,  
*Commentarii, in libros sex  
Pedacii Dioscorides.*

Printed in Venice in 1568 or  
1604.

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اَنْتَوْا عَلَى يَسْوَةٍ  
 مُهْرَاسِنْ هَارِشْ صَرَازْ  
 صَارَزْ كَهْأَرْ بَهْرْ  
 وَفُوحْ مَلْوَبْ  
 جِيَّهْ جَيْبْ رَجَلْ  
 هَهَبْ بَنْ كَرِمْ الْخُلْفَ  
 حَمَاهَ لَهْ فَعُوقَلْ بَيْرَقْ  
 اَلْوَقْ تَوْرِيْمَتْرِيْ دَكَوْبَالْ  
 دَوْنَهْ دَوْنَهْ  
 تَلْوَانْلَانْ تَلْخُونْلَانْ  
 تَلْخُونْ تَلْخُونْ  
 كَرْكَدَاتْ خَرْطَمْ كَرْكَدَاتْ  
 اَلْعَرْدَهْ تَعْرِدْ سَعْرَدْ بَرْ  
 بَغْصَرْ اَنْعَصْ اَلْعَاصْ  
 بَيْمَهْ هَاهَهْ بَيْمَهْ هَاهَهْ  
 قَلْبَهْ اَثَوْهْ اَثَوْهْ لَهْ  
 مَاهَهْ بَرْ

colige <sup>colige</sup> <sup>تَحْمِي</sup> bucela  
 لَيْفَهْ طَفْمَهْ لَفْتَهْ مَهْ لَفْتَهْ لَفْبَهْ  
 palis <sup>ouare</sup> neppe <sup>لَبِرِيدُو</sup> expedit <sup>دَلَاجِي</sup>  
 لَفْسَهْ فَيْلَهْ لَفْيَنْهْ لَفْلَهْ لَفْلَهْ  
 argamal <sup>petere</sup> non lingua lequa  
 لَسَرْ لَسَرْ لَسَرْ  
 illuc <sup>flama</sup> hue gurz gaudi cibure re calore  
 لَهْبَهْ لَهْبَهْ لَهْبَهْ  
 color auricula apere <sup>lum</sup> amigda lutea latice  
 لَهْتَهْ لَهْتَهْ لَهْتَهْ  
 ludere <sup>refugium</sup> legena lapis decubere  
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 rephedepotiz nisi nisi oristicare  
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 balista tornum istar sodou si tornare  
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Arabic-Latin dictionary, Spain, end of 13th-early 14th century.  
Florence, Biblioteca Riccardiana, no. 217



Avicenna (Ibn Sina), Latin  
translation of the *al-Qanun*  
*fi'l-tibb* (Canon of medicine)

Venice, 1564

Arcadian Library

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## سُورَةُ فَاتِحةُ الْكِتَابِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْهَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ مَالِكِ

يَوْمَ الدِّينِ إِيمَانَ نَعْدُدُ وَإِيمَانَ شَتَّى

أَقْدَمَ الصِّرَاطَ الْمُكْتَقَبَ صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْجَهْتَ

عَلَيْهِ غَيْرَ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِ وَلَا الظَّالِمِينَ

## سُورَةُ الْبَقْرَةِ مَا يَأْتِيَنَّ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الْهَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْكِتَابُ لَأَرَيْتَ فِيهِ قُلْيَ الْمُنْتَقِيِنَ  
الَّذِينَ يَوْمَئِنُونَ بِالْغَيْبِ وَيَقِيُّونَ الْمَلَوَةَ وَمَا  
رَفَقَنَاهُمْ بِنَفْقَوْنَ وَالَّذِينَ يَوْمَئِنُونَ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ  
إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أَنْزَلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ وَبِالآخِرَةِ قَهْرٌ يَوْقِنُونَ

## وَقَانُونَ وَسَتَ آيَاتٍ

## وَهِيَ سَبْعَ آيَاتٍ

Venezia  
S. Michele  
RARI-A  
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Jacopo Bassano, *Portrait of a man of letters* (Giovanni Marcello?), c. 1540

Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Gift of  
Samuel H. Kress Foundation, 61.208



Rock crystal bottle

Fatimid Egypt, c. 1000

Mount: gold, Venice, 13th century.

Venice, Tesoro di San Marco,  
Inv. Santuario 63



Holbein Carpet

Turkey, 15th–16th century

New York, Metropolitan Museum of Art,  
2009.458.1



Table carpet

Ottoman, Cairo, 16th century.

V&A, 151-1883



Andrea del Verrocchio

Madonna with St John  
the Baptist and St  
Donatus (1475-83)

Pistoia Cathedral



Federico da Montefeltro with the humanist Cristoforo Landino.  
Florentine school (Botticelli?), c. 1470-5.  
Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana, Urb. Lat. 508



Hans Holbein, Portrait of the Merchant Georg Gisze  
1532  
Oil on wood, 96 x 86 cm  
Staatliche Museen, Berlin



Lorenzo Lotto, *Portrait of the merchant Giovanni della Volta with his wife and children*, 1547.

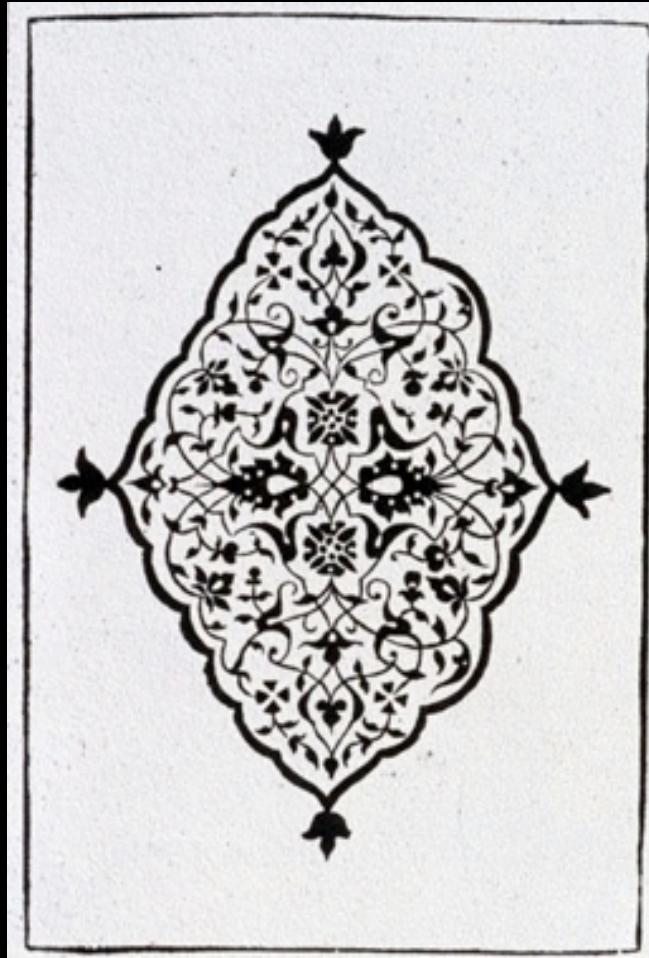
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One of *Six Knots* by Albrecht Dürer,  
after Leonardo da Vinci

c. 1506-1507

British Museum, E.2.407



Francesco di Pellegrino's pattern book, 1530.



Venetian binding varnished and pressure moulded, containing a commission of Alvise Mocenigo, Venice, 1572.  
Chicago, Newberry Library.



Kaftan, probably belonging to  
Osman II (1618-22).

Italian (Florence).

Istanbul, Topkapı Sarayı Müzesi.



Agnolo Bronzino, *Eleonora de' Medici*, c. 1545.

Florence, Galleria degli Uffizi.



Velvet, Florence  
1540s.

Turin, Museo  
Civico.



Ottoman velvet  
Turkey, 16th century.

V&A, 100-1878



Italian velvet, c. 1500.

V&A, 334&A-1886.

TROFEI

RABESCHE

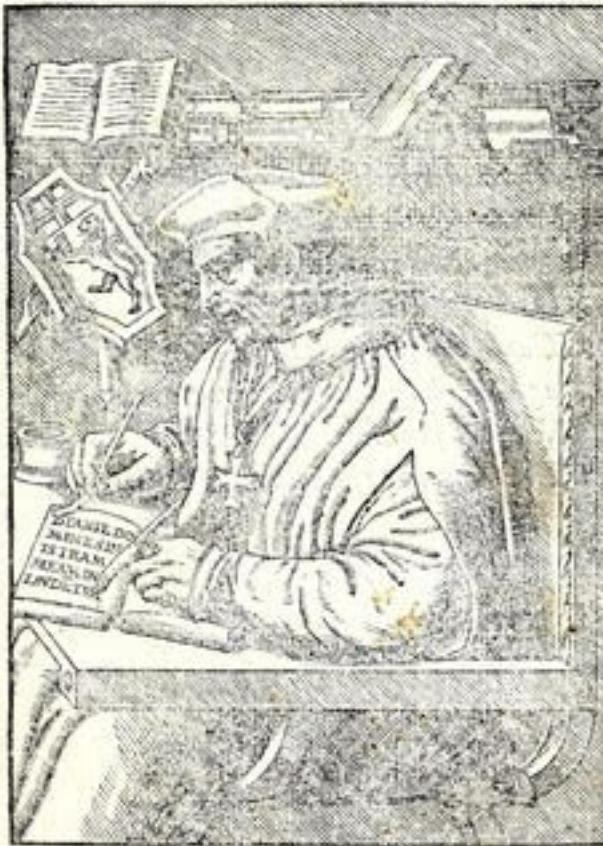


*Trofei-Rabesche* (Trophies/ Arabesques).

From Cipriano Piccolpasso, *Tre Libri dell'Arte del Vasaio*, c. 1548.

RICORDI  
DI MONSIGNOR SABBA DA  
CASTIGLIONE CAVALIER  
GIEROSOLIMITANO,  
DI NUOVO CORRETTI, ET RISTAMPATI.  
*Con una copiosissima annotazione aggiunta.*  
ET APPRESSO BREVEMENTE DESCRIPTA  
la vita dell'autore, & induszata a Monsignor Iosepho  
Cambiano, Recipitor maggiore della sacra  
religione Gierosolimitana.

CON GRATIA ET PRIVILEGIO.



IN VENETIA PER PAOLO GERARDO. 1560.